

Senate Executive Summary
November 2, 2005
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- B. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- C. Liz Kozlow, Suj Pandya and Archita Patel were absent
- D. Chris Garibaldi moved to approve the minutes; Rob Lindley seconded. *The minutes from the October 26, 2005 meeting of the Student Senate were approved at 6:09 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

- A. Item A was stricken from the podium
- B. James Leito and James Trippi
 - i. John Trippi, President of the Peer Advocacy program, spoke about the program. There should be yellow posters for all of the dorms. Peer Advocacy is a division of the Judicial Council and a resource for students going to ResLife. It hasn't been well known in the past, so they are undertaking an advertising campaign. They have recruited a staff and have had meetings with ResLife directors. They are also looking into expanding the program to address off-campus needs. They are looking to send out information to RAs and rectors as well.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Mr. Dave Baron, Student Body President
 - i. Dave Barons said that he has been talking to the evicted students and making sure that they have adequate housing. He has provided them with the names of two lawyers specializing in the eviction processes. He is not advocating that students break the law, but does think that the law is excessive and unjust towards students. Nick Guzman will be talking about it later in the meeting. Dave has also met with Peter Quaranto about zoning issues. Peter is a part of the northeast neighborhood coalition. They are going to be making a map about specific zoning areas.
 - ii. Dave will be meeting with Jeff Shop about ResLife and housing tomorrow, especially about the technology improvements in the dorms that are about to begin.
 - iii. Dave then introduced Chris Hollon as our new parliamentarian.
- B. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Lizzi Shappell went on a field trip with Pat Knapp and Ali Wishon to SMC to look at their new student center.
 - ii. They have had issues with changes in the pep rally procedures and she will be working with HPC to address those concerns.
 - iii. Lizzi is still in the process of researching the ticket exchange number issue.

C. Liz Kozlow, Chief Executive Assistant

- i. Liz was absent, but Lizzi Shappell reported that she has had a meeting about Catholic Think Tank speakers and everything is going well.

D. Philippe Collon, Faculty Senate Liaison

- i. Philippe Collon said that there is not much to report, because Faculty Senate meets tonight at 7pm.
- ii. He also added that the physics department is having open door from 9am to noon on Saturday. He encouraged everyone to stop by.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Chris Harris said that he will be having a meeting about library hours later this week.
- ii. Major's night is coming along well and they are getting in touch with every college about that.

B. Committee on Diversity Affairs

- i. Sarah Liu announced that International Education Week will be November 14-18. There will be a display in O'Shaughnessy called "Eyes Around the World".
- ii. They are looking at developing more awareness programs for the future.

C. Committee on Gender Issues

- i. Ali Wishon said that Eating Disorders Awareness Week will be next week. On Monday, Dr. Jean Kilbourne will be speaking and she is internationally known for her work with media images and women. On Wednesday there will be a lecture facilitated by the campus nutritionist about dispelling myths about dieting and nutrition at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room of SDH. Also on Wednesday, the regular meeting of A Life Uncommon will be held in 316 of the CoMo at 9pm. Thursday will have a 360 degrees perspectives on eating disorders at 9pm in NDH. It is an open discussion about eating disorders for anyone that has questions. There will be Mirror-less Tuesday, when they will cover all of the mirrors in the bathrooms. Ali encouraged the Senate to come to any events that you can!

D. Committee on Residence Life

- i. Mark Seiler said that they will be talking about the student center report later.
- ii. Mariana Montes met with Fr. Jim from Carroll about the D6 parking lot issues and she will be working with the rectors committee on this.
- iii. Ben Gunty had a meeting with Gordon Wishon about technology issues.

E. Committee on University Affairs

- i. Matt Walsh said that he tried sending out an email about basketball tickets because there are a small amount of season tickets available.
- ii. There will be a meeting at 10pm about The Living Wage Campaign and coordinating research for the rest of the semester.
- iii. He will be meeting about coordinating the ticket share program.

F. Committee on Oversight

- i. Suj was absent. Rob Lindley reported that they are still looking through the constitution and looking into a new secret program of Suj's.

G. Committee on Community Relations

- i. Nick Guzman said that the committees needs to take a position on this new ordinance, so they will be putting out a resolution stating that although we are disappointed in the ordinance, we are committed to improving community relations.
- ii. All of the other projects are moving along well. The community publicity program is going well and they are looking into adding a community component to the frosh-o program.

H. Committee on Minority Affairs

- i. Rhea Boyd met with the advisory working group, and will be hearing more about that. They will be redirecting their efforts and will be coming with a resolution soon.
- ii. November is Native American history month; she will be getting out information about the activities.
- iii. Tonight at 7pm in the LaFortune Ballroom there is a remembrance service for Rosa Parks.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution SS0506-10

- i. Pat Knapp said that they have been focusing on they whole student body on the input for the new student center and now they want the input of student leaders. Tough decisions have to be made and some people are really resistant to modifying the current structures. In regards to separated complimentary facilities, 9/13 focus groups favored Crowley as the number one location for another building. Lizzi Shappell explained that they are doing this in parts, especially the main parts and will be looking at the details later.
- ii. Brian Klein asked if Crowley is up for grabs and if it is a feasible option. Brian Coughlin said that there are no plans currently, but if the music department does move out, it would be up for grabs. Pat Knapp said it is one of the possible recommendations. Katie McHugh asked if Crowley would be big enough. Pat Knapp admitted that that was one of the concerns. There could be additions to it, but many people did not want to see new construction. Rob Lindley thought that we should avoid new construction if it can be avoided, because of Crowley's high traffic location. He asked how they would expand Crowley in such a small area. Pat said that he was not sure about implementation, but it would be something that happens after we make recommendations. Katie pointed out that it would take three years to move music out and more than that to build onto Crowley. Pat explained that this is a long term plan, about 10-15 years down the road. Dave Baron said that he doesn't like the idea of separating student clubs and activities from the social areas. He stressed the importance that Senate shouldn't be all about short-term projects. Lindsay Meyer said that if it is a long term project, it is possible that views and needs might have changed, and that we should take that into consideration as we are making plans. Lisa Rauh pointed out that if this is so

long term, we should make it the best we can and shouldn't compromise on any details. She thought that we should consider the drawbacks of two facilities and think about the growth of the campus. Steve Tortorello asked about the possibility of separate but connected facilities. Pat thought that was a good point and it has been explored before. Matt Walsh asked if there is concern that an enlarged student center would detract from community dorm life. He also wondered where the numbers on the bottom of the second page came from. Pat said that the numbers came from CCC, SUB and Student Government heads that were talked to. Notre Dame spends more on residence life and less on student activities than other peer schools. He pointed out that we are a primarily residential school, with 80% of students living on campus. Other schools' student centers serve as a mid-day hub for commuter students. He didn't think that it would detract from the community if Notre Dame continues to focus on dorm life and tradition.

- iii. Pat Knapp moved to send the resolution and report back to committee; Christina Lee seconded. *A motion to send the resolution and report back to committee passed at 6:43 p.m.*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Philippe Collon added that there will be Krispy Kreme doughnuts at the Physics department's open house on Saturday.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Rob Lindley moved to adjourn; Steve Tortorello seconded. *The November 2, 2005 meeting of the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.* The next meeting will take place on November 9, 2005 in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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